

RESOLUTION  
OF  
THE LEGISLATURE OF INDIANA,

ON

*The subject of reducing the price of the public lands.*

MARCH 31, 1848.

Ordered to lie on the table, and be printed.

A JOINT RESOLUTION on the subject of reducing the price of our public lands.

Whereas it is the true interest and policy of all agricultural countries to bring into actual cultivation as much of the soil as may be necessary for the wants of a great and prosperous people, in all the varied pursuits of human life, at as early a day as possible, and consistent with the other interests of a great and increasing commonwealth:

And whereas the history of the past, and also the present, teacheth the important fact, that all newly discovered countries are first settled and changed from their wild, rude, and natural state by that portion of mankind who are generally poor, yet honest and industrious, and are in most instances forced, from want and laudable ambition, from the lands of their fathers to seek a home in the desert waste, and thus invite future emigration:

And whereas we deem it of great and lasting importance, not only to the several States and Territories of this Union in their individual capacities, but also of great and momentous interest to them in their federal relation and character at the present time, that a graduation of the prices of their public domain should take place: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,* That our Senators in Congress be and they are hereby instructed, and our Representatives in Congress requested, to use their influence in procuring the passage of a law having for its object the graduation of the price of our public lands upon such terms as they may think both reasonable and proper, at as early a day as possible.

*And be it further resolved,* That his excellency, the governor, be requested to transmit by mail a copy of this joint resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

WILLIAM A. PORTER,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*  
PARIS C. DUNNING,

*President of the Senate.*

Approved February 16, 1848.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION on the subject of reducing the price of our public lands.

Whereas it is the interest and policy of all agricultural countries to bring into actual cultivation as much of the soil as may be necessary for the wants of a great and numerous people, in all the varied pursuits of the human life, as far as possible, and consistent with the other interests of a great and increasing commonwealth.

And whereas the history of the past, and also the present, teach us that the important and almost newly discovered countries are fast settled and changed from their wild, tree, and natural state by the action of husbandry, and the generally poor, yet honest and industrious, and in most instances to be relied upon, and valuable population, from the lands of their fathers to such a degree in the best of ways, and thus having their eyes open.

And whereas we deem it of great and lasting importance, not only to the several States and Territories of this Union in their individual capacities, but also of great and common interest to them in their federal relation and character at the present time, that a graduation of the prices of their public domain should take place.

It is resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, That our Senators in Congress do and they are hereby instructed, and our Representatives in Congress requested, to use their influence in procuring the passage of a law having for its object the graduation of the price of our public lands upon such terms as they may think both reasonable and practicable as early as possible.

And be it further resolved, That his excellency, the Governor, be requested to transmit by mail a copy of this joint resolution to each of our Senators and Representatives in Congress.

WILLIAM A. PORTER,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PARRIS C. DUNNING,

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